

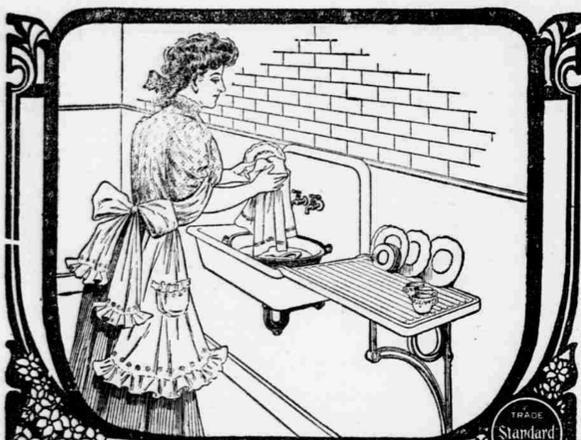
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Kitchen Plumbing.

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TWO-CENT FARE CONFISCATORY? NIT!

William B. Ely, chief clerk of the senate enrolling and engrossing committee, has written the following:

To the Editor of the State Journal: The opinion seems to be pretty general that the radical change of policy inaugurated by the Nebraska railroads immediately upon the taking effect of the "two-cent-rate" bill was instituted for the purpose of "making a case" in the courts against that act, and that it is their hope, through these changes, to be able to prove it to be "confiscatory."

Leaving out of mind the business short-sightedness of this new move, in and of itself, and looking at the subject in the light of history alone—for the two-cent maximum rate is old; more than half a century—what reasonable hope the railroad management can discover of overturning the act passes understanding.

During the early forties of the last century, about '42, the seven or eight short lines railroad that, end to end, connected Albany with Buffalo and Niagara Falls were consolidated into a single corporation to be known henceforth as the "New York Central Railroad." In the charter of that consolidation was a stipulation that its passenger rates should never be higher than 2 cents a mile, and from that day to this in unbroken continuance, the 2-cent rate has prevailed though persistent efforts were made from time to time to get that stipulation annulled, especially during the civil war.

Now consider New York at the time that charter was granted. Its population in 1840 was only about 2,400,000—not greatly different from Nebraska of today. But, what is of greater importance the habit of universal travel had not then been formed as it is today. In those days a ride upon the railroad was a rare event in the life of every one but the exceptionally wealthy. Travel was light; exceptionally as compared with this day and age. The cars were scarcely larger than Concord stage coaches. Trains of three or four such cars were about the limit. Thirty or forty passengers to the train—scarcely a single coachful a day—was good business, taking one day with another, and one train each way a day covered it all except upon excursion occasions. The roads would starve nowadays on such a passenger business as the old New York Central grew wealthy upon. And yet, light as was the passenger traffic in those days, the shareholders of the New York Central were ready to concede a 2-cent rate. Surely if a 2-cent maximum rate is confiscatory today under the conditions that obtain in Nebraska where everyone is on the go, it must have been sheer robbery fifty years ago in New York, when the relative cost of moving a train was greatly higher than now in spite of the then lower wages and cost of supplies and repairs, and when the minimum rate all over New England and the middle states was 3 cents a mile. At that time and for years afterwards the New York Central was the only railroad in the country that carried passengers at 2 cents a mile as the regular rate.

And no one has ever tried to declare the rate confiscatory for the old "Central" in all the years preceding the civil war. That it was remunerative then is proven by its rapid growth in wealth and by the investigation into that road's affairs in 1863-64 when the bill was before the New York assembly to remove the restriction from its charter. True, thanks to unlimited use of money, the bill

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